MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member, Sir, whether a candidate having passed the M. A. examination of the Madras University in the first class and having obtained the Diploma for economics in Madras and who has had acting experience has been overlooked?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know, Sir, whether Government will gather the information regarding that?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. K. M. KURIAKOSE (*Muvattupuzha II*): May I know whether there is any hard and fast rule with regard to the recruitment to the public pervice? Do the rules suggest only general lines on which recruitment should be made or are they so strict that we cannot deviate even an inch?

PRESIDENT: The rules are definite.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether there is any Mahomedan among the Inspectors?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): May I know whether he is a person who was in service already?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): He was a temporary Inspector and he has now been confirmed.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was any new Mahomedan appointed?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Not even in the lower grade?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): In the lower grade, I find one Mahomedan has been appointed.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is it among the peons?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes,

Appointment of Muslim Assistant Inspectors.

275. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the appointments of how many Muslim Assistant Inspectors were recommended by the Education Reforms Committee; and

(*b*) the number of Muslim Assistant Inspectors in the Inspectorate at present?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The member is referred to pages 45 and 279 of the Report of the Education Reforms Committee.

(*b*) 2.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it not for encouragement to be given to Muslims that the Education Reforms Committee has recommended the appointment of three Muslim Inspectors?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes and no, Sir.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : I want a reply either in the negative or in the affirmative.

PRESIDENT : The answer to one part of your question is in the affirmative and the answer to the other part is in the negative.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know the reason for not appointing all the three Muslim Inspectors as recommended by the Education Reforms Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : There are, as I said in the answer to part (*b*), two Inspectors at present. One has been sent for training. After his training his appointment may be considered. The absence of a larger number of Muslim Inspectors is due to paucity of men with sufficient administrative experience in the department.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Is it owing to the lack of qualified Muslims that the third appointment was not made?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : It is owing to lack of men qualified and experienced in the department.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether any experienced and qualified Muslims had applied for the post of an Assistant Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Not that I am aware of.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum —Rural*) : May I know what will prevail when there is a conflict between the recommendations of the Education Reforms Committee and the Public Service Commission Rules?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Government will prevail Sir.

PRESIDENT : It is a hypothetical question and a riddle which I suppose one cannot answer off-hand. It will all depend upon the nature of the conflict.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I know whether the answer to part (*b*) is inclusive of the person who has been sent for training?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : Yes, Sir.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*) : May I kown whether the person who has gone for training was an Assistant Inspector?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*) : He was, Sir.

Statement, by caste, of the Officers in the Anchal Department.

276 *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a caste-war statement of officers in the Anchal Department drawing a monthly salary of Rs. 40 and above?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : A statement is laid on the table as required by the member.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Of the sixty appointments made in the Anchal Department, may I know the reason for not appointing a single Muslim in that department?

*Vide Appendix—II.

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